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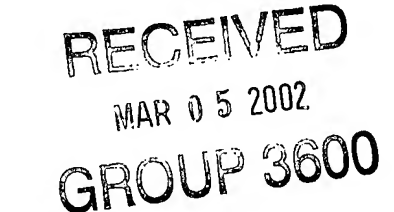
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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFIERS AND OPTICAL AMPLIFYING METHOD
FOR IMPROVED NOISE FIGURE



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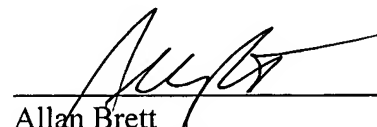
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